

**GARRETT COUNTY**  
**HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET**

**SURVEY NUMBER:** G-II-B-375

**BUILDING NAME:** Tom A. Devine House

**LOCATION:** 6135 Bear Creek Road, Accident, Maryland

**BUILDING DATE:** ca. 1931

**DESCRIPTION:** The Tom A. Devine House, in its current form, is a log and frame structure (with a stone front added in ca. 1940) consisting of three parts. It likely assumed its present form, a large, square building, as a result of three building stages. The north portion is a one and one-half gambrel roof gable-front structure with a flat-roof, two-part addition to the south elevation. It is likely that the gambrel-roofed section was constructed first, followed by the addition of the small section on the south elevation, composed of saddle-notched round logs. The southwest corner was likely the location of an open, flat-roofed porch, which was subsequently enclosed. The fenestration is generally irregular, with many of the windows replaced.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** The Tom A. Devine House (GA-II-B-375), constructed in ca. 1931, is a greatly altered and partially re-built structure located in rural Garrett County. It was greatly changed on both the interior and exterior in two major rehabilitations occurring in the early 1970's and again the late 1980's. Although the property retains the ambiance of a rural residence, located adjacent to Bear Creek, and was utilized intermittently in the Depression era as a convenience store and lunchroom, the dwelling has been compromised to the extent that it no longer convincingly conveys a significant association with the past.

**US 219**  
**Attachment 7**

**Determination of Eligibility**

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**TOM A. DEVINE HOUSE**

The Tom A. Devine house is a greatly altered and partially re-built structure located at the crossing of Bear Creek, Accident-Bear Creek Road, Fish Hatchery Road and US 219. It evidently intermittently housed a lunchroom and grocery store during the 1930's and 1940's. Considerable alteration wrought during two major rehabilitations, involving the gutting of the interior, as well as the loss of other structures on the site, have resulted in the loss of much original fabric and has destroyed integrity of design, workmanship, and association of this property, thus it does not appear to meet the criteria for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

The design and physical characteristics of the property were analyzed for its local significance in the areas of architecture during the Modern Era (1930-present). Research of Garrett County historical materials and/or consultation with county historians did not identify any particular historical significance for this property.

For resources to be considered eligible for inclusion the National Register they must retain eligibility of location, setting, feeling, materials, workmanship and association. Furthermore, they must meet one of four criteria: under Criterion A, broad patterns of history; Criterion B, associations with historic persons or events; Criterion C, embodiment of architectural style or construction methods and Criterion D, likely to yield information important to the study of history. Always the resources must possess high integrity of location, workmanship, materials, association and design.

It is our determination that this property has lost the level of integrity requisite for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Although the property retains the ambiance of a rural residence, located adjacent to Bear Creek, and was utilized in the Depression era as a convenience store and place of entertainment, the dwelling in particular has been compromised to the extent that it no longer convincingly conveys an association with the past. The interior of the dwelling has been gutted at least twice (in the 1970's and again in the 1990's) and the exterior has been altered as well with the application of cladding to the exterior and the insertion of new windows, thus the structure lacks integrity of materials and workmanship.

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Eligibility Recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility Not Recommended XX

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer, OPS: ChapmanDate: 6/3/98Reviewer, NR Program: ExemptDate: 6/16/98my

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. G II B 375

Magi No.

DOE   yes   no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Tom A. Devine House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 6135 Bear Creek Road

N/A    not for publication

city, town Accident

   vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county

Garrett

**3. Classification**

**Category**

   district  
☒ building(s)  
   structure  
   site  
   object

**Ownership**

   public  
☒ private  
   both

**Public Acquisition**

   in process  
☒ being considered  
☒ not applicable

**Status**

☒ occupied  
   unoccupied  
   work in progress

**Accessible**

   yes: restricted  
   yes: unrestricted  
☒ no

**Present Use**

   agriculture  
   commercial  
   educational  
   entertainment  
   government  
   industrial  
   military

   museum

☒ park  
☒ private residence  
   religious  
   scientific  
   transportation  
   other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Neil and Janice Leverenz

street & number 6135 Bear Creek Road

telephone no.:

city, town

state and zip code

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courthouse

liber 487  
77

street & number

folio

city, town Oakland

state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title N/A

date

   federal    state    county    local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1

## 8. Significance

Survey No. G II B 375

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1930 Builder/Architect Tom A. Devine

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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SEE CONTINUATION 9.1

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of ~~annotated~~ <sup>inventoried</sup> property 4.5 acresQuadrangle name AccidentQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone			Easting			Northing			

B 

Zone			Easting			Northing			

C 

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D 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Rita M. Suffness, Cultural Resources Grouporganization Maryland State Highway Administration date 2/15/98street & number 707 N. Calvert Street telephone 410 545 8561city or town Baltimore state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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**TOM A. DEVINE HOUSE  
GARRETT COUNTY**

**CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1  
DESCRIPTION**

**DESCRIPTION SUMMARY**

The Tom A. Devine House, in its current form, is a log and frame structure (with a stone front added in ca. 1940) consisting of three parts. It likely assumed its present form, a large, square building, as a result of three building stages. The north portion is a one and one-half gambrel roof gable-front structure with a flat-roof, two-part addition to the south elevation. It is likely that the gambrel-roofed section was constructed first, followed by the addition of the small section on the south elevation, composed of saddle-notched round logs. The southwest corner was likely the *location of an* open, flat-roofed porch, *which was* subsequently enclosed. The fenestration is generally irregular, with many of the windows replaced. The structure was constructed on a concrete block foundation.

**DESCRIPTION**

The Tom A. Devine House is located north of Accident, in Garrett County, near the intersection of US 219. Accident-Bear Creek Road, Fish Hatchery Road and Bear Creek. It is oriented to the west, facing Accident-Bear Creek Road, and is set toward the front of a four and one-half acre parcel of land, adjacent to the US 219 bridge over Bear Creek. The only other structure on the site, a concrete springhouse, does not contribute to the significance of the historic site.

The Tom A. Devine House is a composite structure which evolved over a period of two decades as extensive changes and additions were wrought. Because of the extensive alteration of the structure and lack of access to the twice-gutted interior it is difficult to posit a building sequence for the different sections. The person who gutted and reinforced the structure in the 1970's for the Porter family (personal communication, Homer Deniker with Rita M. Suffness, 2/15/98) stated that the dwelling had been poorly constructed, basically evolving over a ca. twenty-year period, resulting in a dwelling with inadequate structural support and few basic. Furthermore, it was unoccupied and deteriorating in the decade of the 1960's. He reported bracing and shoring up the structure, gutting the interior, and radically re-orienting the interior spaces, plus changing of the openings between them.

As it currently appears, it is a log and frame structure (with a stone front added by Tom A. Devine ca. 1940) consisting of three parts. It likely assumed its present form, a large, square building, as a result of three building stages. The north portion is a one and one-half gambrel roof gable-front structure with a flat-roof, two-part addition to the south elevation. It is likely that the gambrel-roofed section was constructed first, followed



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by the addition of the small section on the south elevation, composed of saddle-notched round logs. The southwest corner was likely the location of an open, flat-roofed porch, which was subsequently enclosed. The fenestration is generally irregular, with many of the windows replaced. The structure was constructed on a concrete block foundation. The west, entrance elevation is seven bays in width, composed of the four bay gambrel-roofed section on the north and the flat roofed section on the south. The hooded entrance is located in the third bay from the south. The north part of this elevation has a stone false front on the gable end of the north, gambrel-roofed section and the now-enclosed west elevation of the porch. This gambrel roof section, with the gable end constituting the west elevation, has three dormers on the lower slopes of both the north and south elevations—a large shed-roofed, two-bay dormer between two gable-roofed dormers. Although the windows, probably added during the 1960's renovation, are mostly constructed of wood, only the two-pane casements in the gambrel-roofed section have not been clad with vinyl siding. Most of the other wood trim, such as rake boards and soffits, have been covered with vinyl siding. A large chimney, located on the outside wall, bilaterally divides the gambrel-roofed section, with two windows at the first level on each side, and one window on the second level to each side of the chimney. The casement windows are divided vertically into three lights, and divided vertically into three very small lights at the top and long ones at the bottom.

The now enclosed flat-roofed porch is the location of the hooded entrance in the third bay from the south. Two windows are located to the south of the door—narrow, and vertically divided into three, fixed-pane lights, these are included within a wood (currently vinyl-sided) section inset into the stone wall.

The south elevation is composed of the enclosed porch section on the west and the log section, located on the southeast corner or rear of the buildings. The west four bays are the location of four large sixteen-pane windows above overlapped wood sheathing. The rear log section, with saddle-notching and log ends extending beyond the wall plane on the southwest corner, is the location of a single, fixed-pane, eight-light window and a secondary, hooded entrance. This south elevation is reached by a number of steps, as the entry traverses a raised garden defined by landscape ties. The east elevation is a very

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wide, disjointed part of the structure, composed of two entrances, a filled-in former doorway and very irregular fenestration. Nine bays in width, it also reflects the multiplicity of incongruous parts—the almost flat-roofed, log section on the south and the lapped-board sheathed gable-end section on the north. The log portion, with a boldly projecting, vinyl-clad cornice has a fixed, eight-light window to the west of a now filled-in doorway, with lapped board siding interrupting the log pattern. The gable end is the location of two double-hung sash windows between a single door to the far west and a set of double, multi-pane doors in the center. Another pair of a variety of double-hung sash windows are located to the east of the double doors. Centered at the second level of the gable end are two (one-over-one lights) sash windows between two larger nine-over-nine sash windows.

On the north elevation a concrete block chimney has been constructed on the outer face of the wall. The organization of the lower slope of the gambrel roof on this north elevation is identical to that on the south—a large shed-roofed, two-bay dormer between two gable-roofed dormers, all clad with brick-pattern, gray asphalt sheathing. There are two large expanses of glass, composed of paired sixteen-light, fixed pane windows. One is located beneath the shed-roofed dormer, and the other under the forward, or more southerly, gable-roofed dormer. The forward plane of the large, shed-roofed dormer has two sash windows, along with corner boards, whereas the gable-roofed dormers are the location of the distinctive casement-type windows which characterize the entrance elevation of this section.

An extremely small, flat-roofed concrete springhouse, likely built as a replacement, is located to the far north of the tax parcel, close to the SHA right-of-way for the US 219 bridge.

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE  
CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1**

**SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY**

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Tom A. Devine House (GA-11-B-375), constructed in ca. 1931, is a greatly altered and reportedly partially re-built structure. Poorly constructed, according to the report of the contractor who heavily altered it during a rehabilitation in the 1970's, it assumed its present square plan during a period of about two decades, during which the owner, Tom A. Devine, added additional sections. It was evidently utilized as a store and lunchroom by his widow, Bessie Fox Devine, and her sister, Mrytie Fox. Prior to the 1940's it was known as the Bear Creek Lodge (Land Record, Liber 126, Folio 358). At the time it was purchased by the previous owners it had been unoccupied for at least ten years (decade of 1960's) and in very dilapidated condition. It was heavily altered both on the interior and exterior just after the purchase by the Porter family in 1971, resulting in the gutting of the interior and cladding and heavy restoration of the exterior. Subsequent to the purchase of the building by the current owners in 1986 it was again extensively altered.

The Tom A. Devine House has been analyzed within the context of Garrett County history in the Modern Period (1930 - Present) and the theme of architecture. During the 1930's in Garrett County the construction of the Deep Creek Dam and the creation of Deep Creek Lake spurred resort development north of Oakland that has contributed to the county's modern growth. The ascendancy of the automobile as the principal mode of transportation impacted the county's landscape through improvements to existing road networks and

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
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the curtailment of railroad usage. Post-war residential construction displays characteristics of suburban tract housing utilizing mass-produced materials and plans.

Garrett County was widely recognized and utilized for its recreational potential in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. It was the location of resort hotels founded by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (B&O) in Oakland and Deer Park, plus the Oakland, and Glades Hotels and Mountain Lake Park and Loch Lynn Heights.

Garrett County's association with resorts continued in the early twentieth century after construction of the Deep Creek Dam by the Youghiogheny Hydroelectric Corporation and the creation of Deep Creek Lake in 1925. Built near the site of a proposed dam planned by the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal nearly 100 years earlier (Smith 1956:364), the dam inundated 3,000 acres of land and created 65 miles of lakefront (Ware *et al* 1991:34). Tourists' use of the lake dramatically increased after the Second World War. In 1972, the Lake's tourism and recreation activities contributed to over 35 percent of the county's economy. The opening of the Wisp Ski Resort has made the Deep Creek area a year-round resort (Schlosnagle 1989:345). Motels, hotels, tourist cabins, vacation homes, campsites, restaurants, and marinas line the lakeshore today.

The automobile's rise as the principal transportation method during this era impacted earlier road networks. To increase highway safety, sections of Garrett Highway, US 219, were straightened between Oakland and Deep Creek in the late 1940s.

A wide range of property types document these significant trends in Garrett County's development. Dwellings, garages, and sheds represent residential building stock, while stores, post offices, schools, churches, and shops reflect town and village growth. Roads, bridges and culverts, roadside restaurants, hotels, motels and tourist cabins document the automobile's impact on Garrett County's landscape during this period. These resources reflect the historic themes of agriculture, architecture, landscape architecture, community planning, economic, government/law, religion, social, educational, cultural, plus transportation that contributed to the study area's evolution during this era.

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TOM A. DEVINE HOUSE  
ACCIDENT  
GARRETT COUNTY, MD  
SITE PLAN

US 219

Concrete  
Springhouse

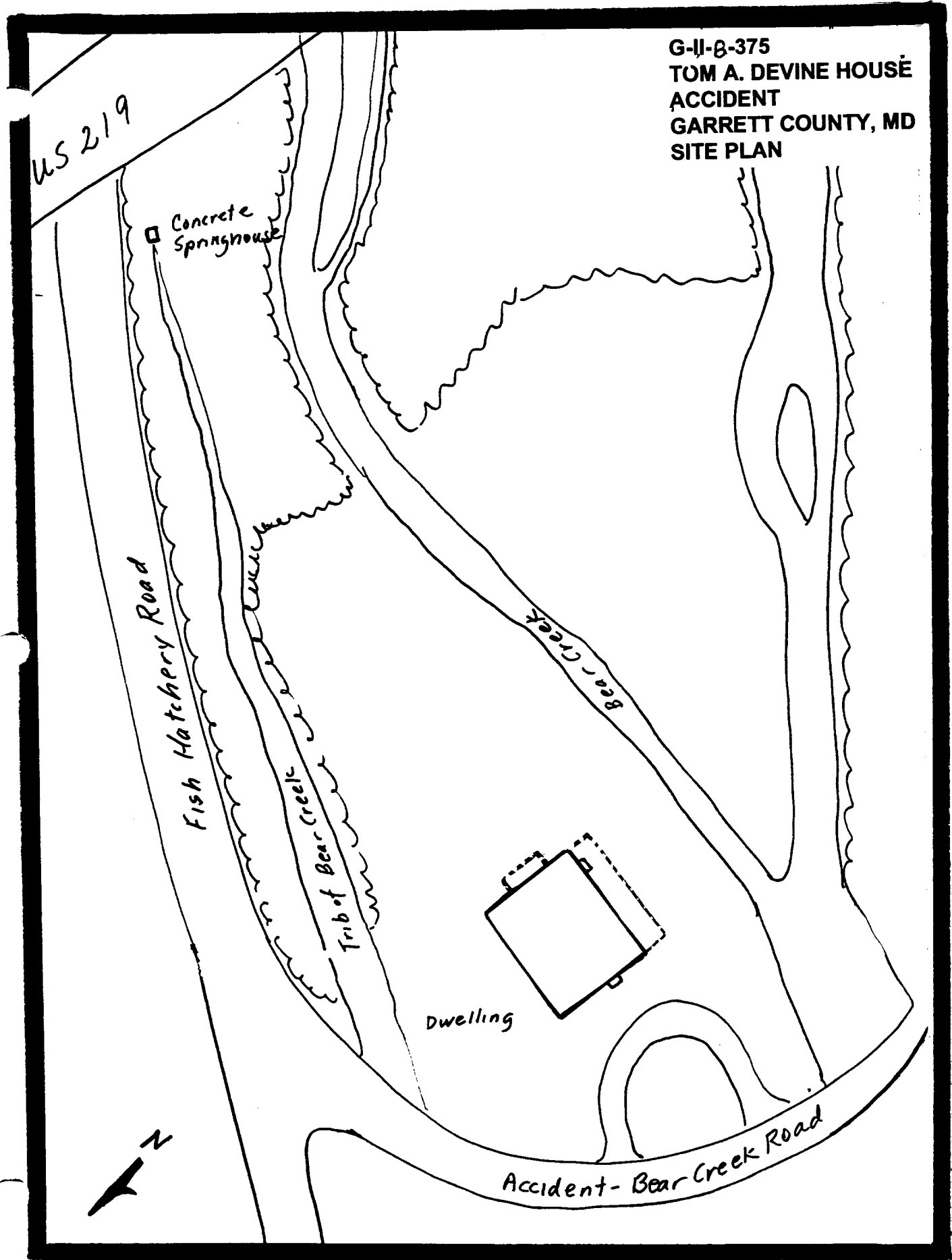
Fish Hatchery Road

Trib of Bear Creek

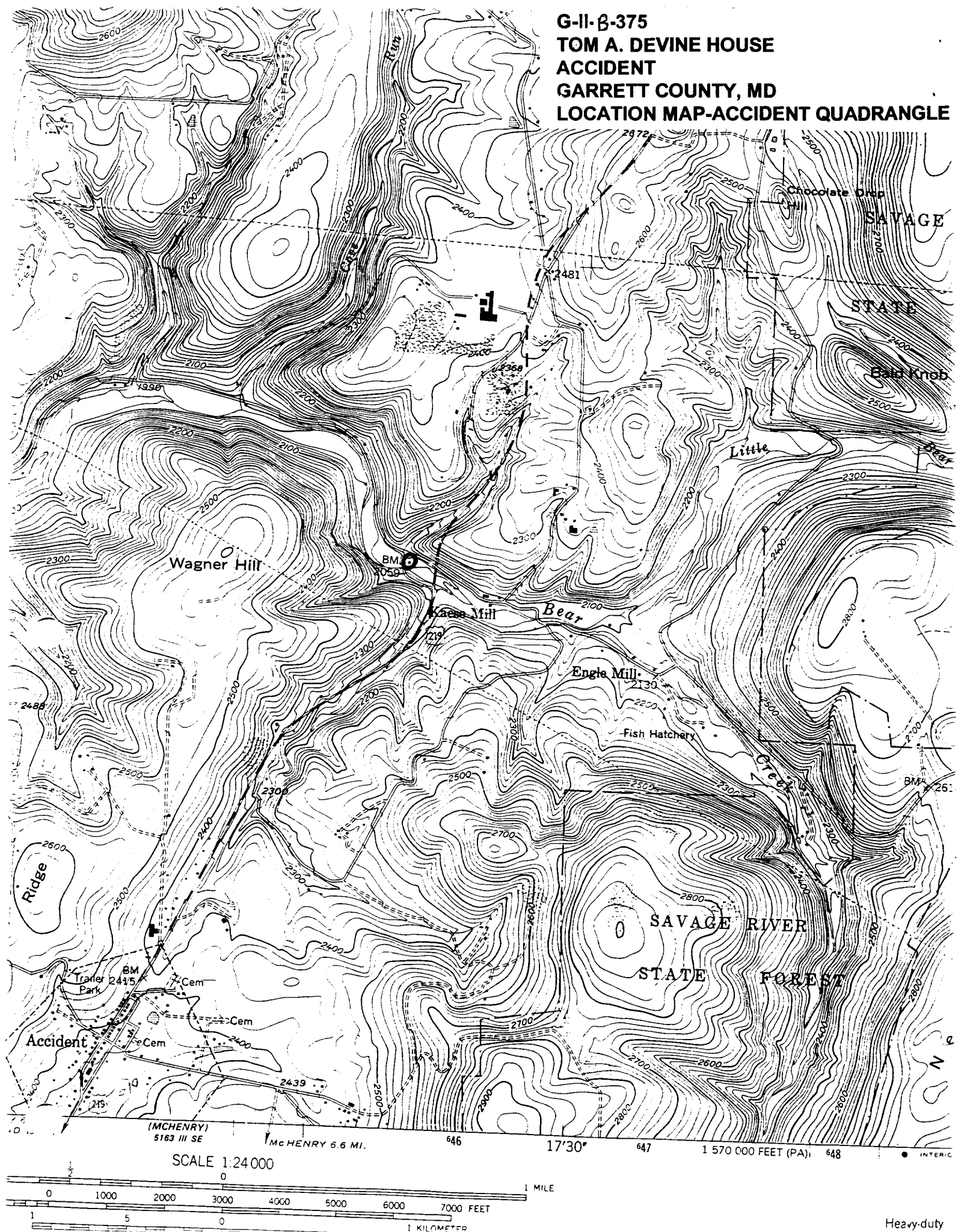
Bear Creek

Dwelling

Accident - Bear Creek Road



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TOM A. DEVINE HOUSE  
ACCIDENT  
GARRETT COUNTY, MD  
LOCATION MAP-ACCIDENT QUADRANGLE





5-9-4-7

Tom D

house

1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10

2. Sub frame

reg as  $W = (500 - 100)$

on area

1/0





GO B 27

South side of river

near point 2

about 1/2 mile to bridge — 72 ft

from point 1

Quartzite  
South side

2/60



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from 10. 12. 12 to 31. 12. 12

10. 12. 12 31. 12. 12

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3/10



Tommy's house

12-11-11

5-10-11

4/10



Tom has been at the  
hospital, but not at the  
hospital.

He is not at the hospital.

He is not at the hospital.

3/10





Box B-375

John Brown House

100 West 16th Street

St. Louis, Mo.

1859-1860

East Cleveland

3/10



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Tom [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

8/10



6 - 10. 2. 1910  
Tommy's garden

Nov. 2. 1910

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3-20-10  
Tom L. [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

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